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Lady Death

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Final Jeopardy

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Story so far

As Lady Death struggles with
her demonic form, her
alliance has been forged between
Lady Death, Purgatori, Asteroth and
Michael. But can even their combi-
nated forces defeat the fiend of Aladon,
the Abyss, before the Dark Millennium of
the Earth.

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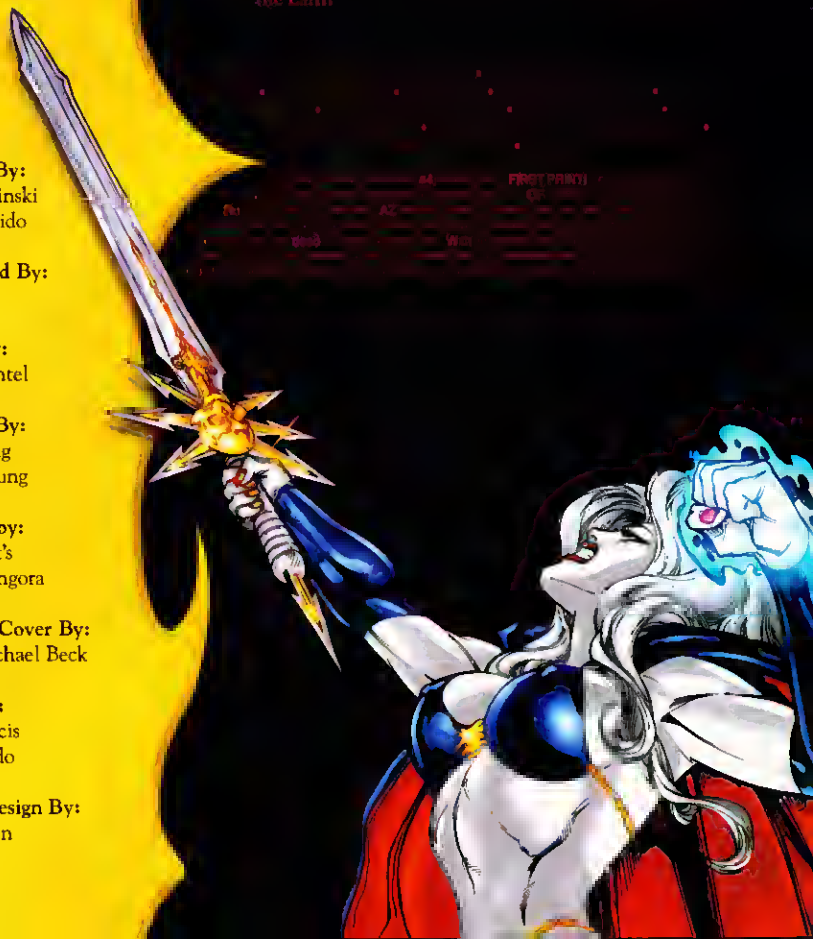
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ETERNITY, WHERE
DEATH AND THE
THREE FATES
WATCH... AND WAIT.

THE
FINAL ACT
BEGINS.

WINTERHAVEN,
STRONGHOLD OF
LADY DEATH...

THIS IS MY
DOMAIN!

I DEMAND
TO KNOW WHAT
TRANSPIRES
HERE!



MILADY! WE THOUGHT YOU INCAPACITATED BY YOUR ILLNESS.



YOU THOUGHT WRONG.

WHATEVER YOU SIX ARE ABOUT IT IS WITHOUT MY SANCTION.



AND WHERE, PRAY TELL, DOES VANDALA'S MIND NOW ROAM?



NEW ALEXANDRIA.

WHY VANDALA... HOW DELIGHTFUL TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

A PITY YOU DIDN'T BRING YOUR MATERIAL BODY, THOUGH I DO SO FANCY HOT ASGARDIAN BLOOD...

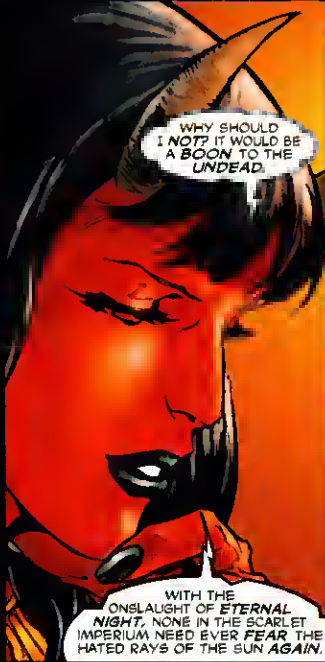
PURGATORI, I BEG YOU, PUT ASIDE YOUR VENOM FOR NOW.

DESPITE OUR MUTUAL HATRED, AND THE ETERNAL ENMITY BETWEEN YOU AND LADY DEATH, WE ARE ALL UNDER THE SAME THREAT OF ABADDON.




AS THE PROUD QUEEN OF A GREAT EMPIRE, SURELY YOU CAN SEE THE WISDOM IN OUR JOINING FORCES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

EVEN YOU CANNOT WISH THE DARK MILLENNIUM TO FALL UPON THE EARTH.




WHY SHOULD I NOT? IT WOULD BE A BOON TO THE UNDEAD.

WITH THE ONSLAUGHT OF ETERNAL NIGHT, NONE IN THE SCARLET IMPERIUM NEED EVER FEAR THE HATED RAYS OF THE SUN AGAIN.



AND HOW WILL YOU ENDURE WHEN ALL LIFE HAS DIED? ABOVE ALL, YOUR PEOPLE MUST HAVE BLOOD.

THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED... AND PREPARED FOR. DO NOT WORRY ON OUR ACCOUNT.




VERY WELL. I HAD HOPED YOU WOULD JOIN THE GRAND ALLIANCE, BUT I SEE IT IS FUTILE.



I DO NOT RECALL REFUSING YOUR PLEA YET.

WHILE IT IS TRUE I WOULD WELCOME THE REIGN OF ABADDON, HE HAS MADE THE FATAL MISTAKE OF FUSING HIMSELF WITH THAT BASTARD PAGAN -- AND

THERE IS LITTLE I WOULD NOT SACRIFICE TO HAVE MY VENGEANCE UPON THAT LOATHSOME WORM.



I WILL JOIN YOUR "ALLIANCE" ON ONE CONDITION --

--AND THAT IS I WILL HAVE PAGANS TESTICLES FOR TEABAGS WHEN WE HAVE TRIUMPHED.

ELSEWHERE...

HEAR ME,
THE LIVING AVATAR
OF ABADDON!

THE HOUR
OF THE DARK
MILLENNIUM HAS
ARRIVED!

LET THE
SLAUGHTER OF
ALL THOSE BORN
TO LIGHT
BEGIN!

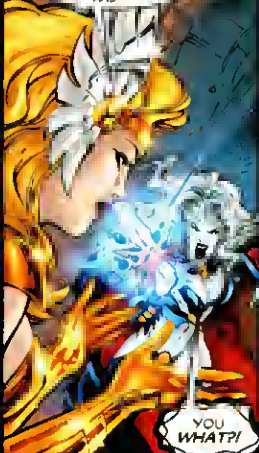
AH THE
CHILDREN
OF THE NIGHT...
WHAT MUSIC
THEY MAKE

:SNEHEHEHEK:

ABADDON
ABADDON

ABADDON

I HAVE FORGED AN ALLIANCE
SPOKEN WITH ASTEROTH, LORD
OF DEMONS, THE
ARCHANGEL MICHAEL
AND—



YOU
WHAT?!

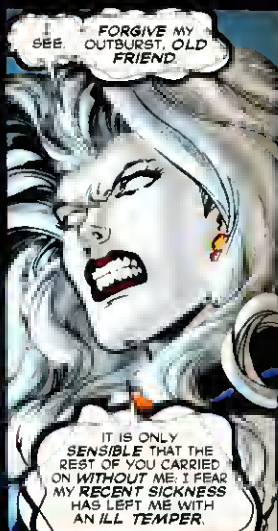
YOU JOIN
FORCES WITH
MY GREATEST
ENEMIES.
WHILE I



DO NOT
BLAME VANDALA
ALONE, MILADY.
EACH OF US SHARES
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE DECISIONS
MADE IN YOUR
ABSENCE, MYSELF
INCLUDED.

AND I
WOULD DO SO AGAIN.
TO SAVE THIS WORLD
FROM ABADDON, I WOULD
FACE EVEN YOUR WRATH.

I SEE
FORGIVE MY
OUTBURST, OLD
FRIEND



IT IS ONLY
SENSIBLE THAT THE
REST OF YOU CARRIED
ON WITHOUT ME. I FEAR
MY RECENT SICKNESS
HAS LEFT ME WITH
AN ILL TEMPER.



OF COURSE, I AM SO
RELIEVED TO SEE
YOU WHOLE AGAIN, I
COULD FORGIVE YOU
ANYTHING.



AS AM I, BUT TO MY REGRET,
I MUST TELL YOU THAT MATTERS
HAVE WORSENER. PAGAN IS
NOW ONE WITH ABADDON.
HE'S BECOME DARKNESS
INCARNATE.

HE AND
NOCTURNE LEAD AN
ARMY OF COUNTLESS
MONSTROSITIES.

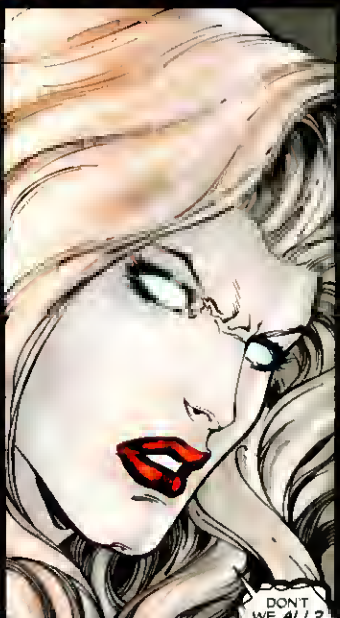
•HRRR•

•PHAUGH•

THE
INSUFFERABLE
INSECT! I'D FIGHT
BESIDE PURGATOR!
HERSELF IF IT
MEANT THAT
MAGGOT'S FINAL
EXTINCTION!

YOU
MAY YET

NECESSARY
AS IT MAY BE,
I DO NOT TRUST
THESE 'ALLIES'.
THEY FIGHT SOLELY
TO PROTECT THEIR
OWN INTERESTS.



DON'T
WE ALL?

MOMENTS
LATER...

:AAUUUGGHHH:

:UHH-HUUUH:

:UHH-HUUUH:

- NO
MATTER THE
PAIN -

- NO
MATTER THE
PRICE!

REAPER!

PRAY, DO
NOT COME FOR
ME YET!

I MUST
SEE THIS
BATTLE TO
THE END.

AND YOU
SHALL, EITHER
YOURS, OR
ABADDON'S.

WHEN THE
TIME COMES,
THE ETERNAL
SCYTHE WILL ONCE
AGAIN BE YOURS TO
SUMMON, WIELD
IT WELL.

:UHH-HUUUH:

THE
CORRUPTION
WITHIN... IT
GNAWS AT
ME...

BUT I MUST
NOT LET THE
OTHERS SEE MY
WEAKNESS--

MILADY?



ARE YOU WELL?

YES

PERHAPS STILL A BIT FATIGUED



TOO MANY CENTURIES HAVE PASSED FOR YOU TO FOOL ME SO EASILY

YOUR RECOVERY IS FAR LESS COMPLETE THAN YOU WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE.



AH, FAITHFUL CREMATOR. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO TRY TO DECEIVE YOU.

YES, THE BLOOD BEAST STILL RAGES IN MY VEINS. I HAVE BEATEN IT DOWN FOR NOW, BUT IT WILL ATTACK AGAIN, AND WITH GREATER STRENGTH.

SHOULD THAT HAPPEN DURING BATTLE, I FEAR I SHALL FALL, AND POSSIBLY COST US THE WAR.



OUR ENEMIES SHALL HAVE TO SLAY ME FIRST, AND THERE ARE OTHERS WHO WILL WATCH OVER YOU AS WELL.

COME, IT IS TIME TO FINALIZE OUR STRATEGY.

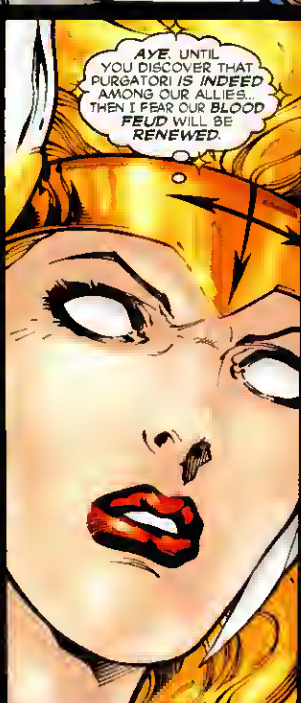
I PROPOSE TO ATTACK ABADDON ON TWO FRONTS.

THE BULK OF OUR FORCES WILL ENGAGE HIS ARMY OF DARKNESS, WHILE I, SEANCE AND CREMATOR WILL STRIKE AT HIM BY OTHER MEANS.

THAT MEANS MUST REMAIN SECRET, BUT...




IT IS FOR THE BEST, A GOOD PLAN, SISTER.




AYE, UNTIL YOU DISCOVER THAT PURGATORI IS INDEED AMONG OUR ALLIES... THEN I FEAR OUR BLOOD FEUD WILL BE RENEWED.



TO ARMS,
RAVENHEART!




I TAKE IT YOU NO
LONGER DOUBT
MY LOYALTY
THEN?



VANDALA
HAS TOLD ME
OF THE SACRIFICE
YOU MADE ON MY
BEHALF

I WOULD AS
SOON DOUBT
MYSELF!



USING HER CHAOS-BLADE
APOCALYPSE, LADY
DEATH CLEAVES A RIFT
IN SPACE AND TIME --

--AND CROSSES HALF A
WORLD IN SECONDS.



TELL YOUR
LOATHSOME
TRIBE TO KEEP THEIR
DISTANCE FROM
MY WARRIORS.
ASTEROTH!

I WILL
NOT HAVE THEM
TAINTED BY THE
VILE BLOOD
SHED BY YOUR
SUBJECTS!

ARROGANT
SPARROW!

I SHOULD
CRUSH YOU
WHERE YOU
STAND!



ENOUGH!

WE ARE HERE TO
CONQUER A MUTUAL
FOE, NOT PURSUE
OUR PERSONAL
VENDETTAS!



HAARRGH!
YOU!



DID NOT
YOUR DEAR
SISTER TELL
YOU?

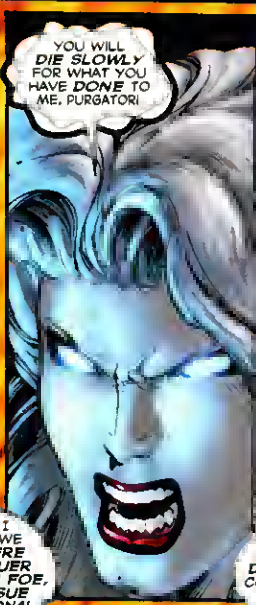
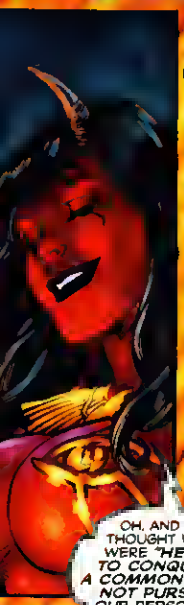
THE SCARLET
IMPERIUM STANDS
AT YOUR SIDE

I WOULD
SOONER CLASP
A VIPER TO MY
BREAST!

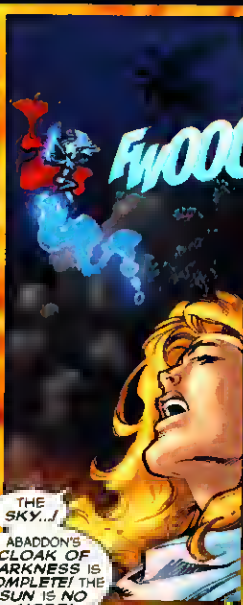
DAMNATION!

I WILL
DEAL WITH YOU
LATER, CRIMSON
WHORE —

— FOR YOUR
DEATH IS NOT
WORTH THAT
OF A WORLD!



YOU WILL
DIE SLOWLY
FOR WHAT YOU
HAVE DONE TO
ME, PURGATORI!



THE
SKY...!

ABADDON'S
CLOAK OF
DARKNESS IS
COMPLETE! THE
SUN IS NO
MORE!



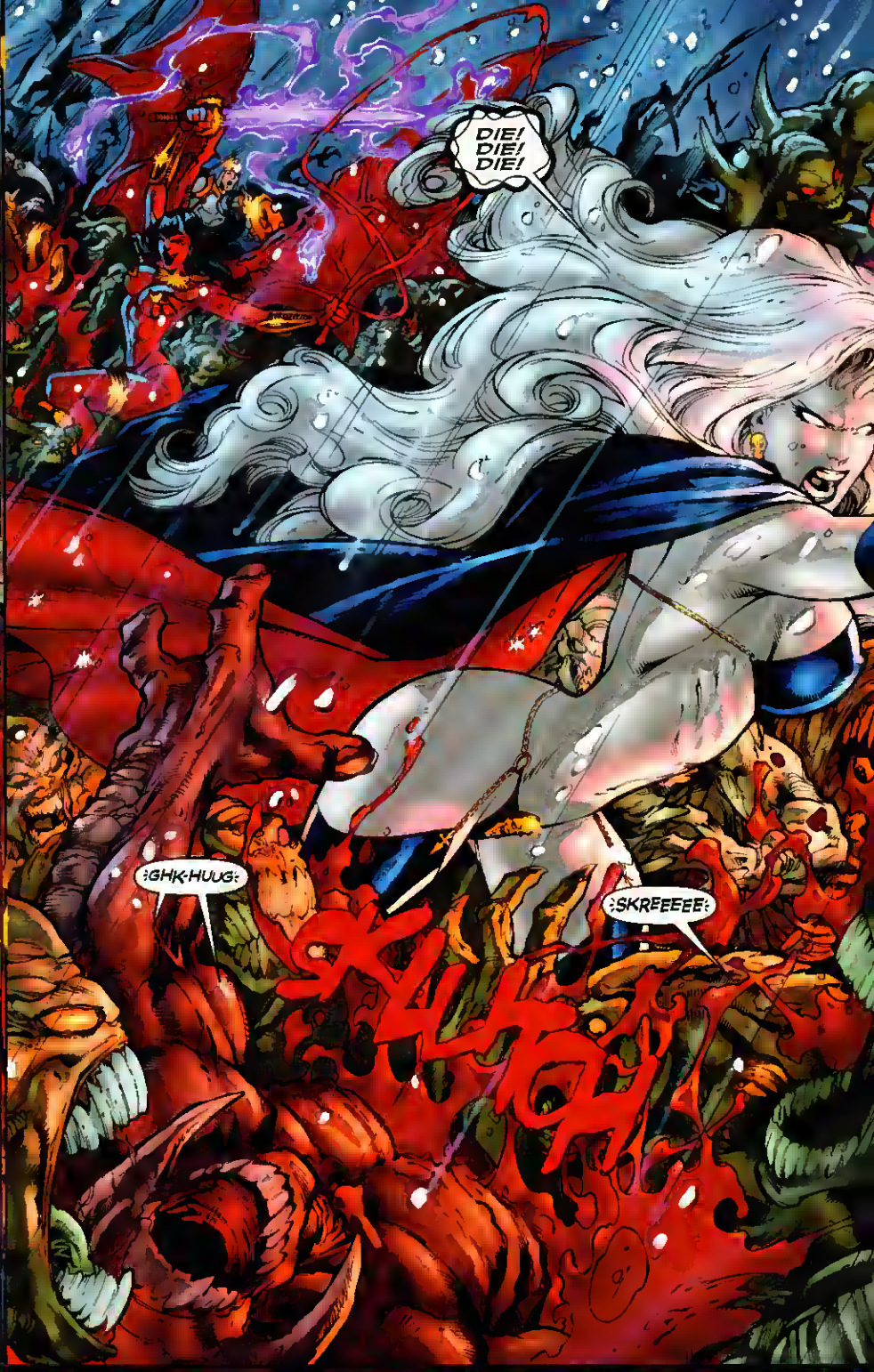
Lady Death!
We must attack --
in this chill, my hell-
born warriors will soon
grow sluggish!

OH, AND I
THOUGHT WE
WERE "HERE
TO CONQUER
A COMMON FOE.
NOT PURSUE
OUR PERSONAL
VENDETTAS".

PERHAPS I WAS
MISTAKEN.



CHARGE!



DIE!
DIE!
DIE!

:GHK-HUUG:

:SKREEEE:

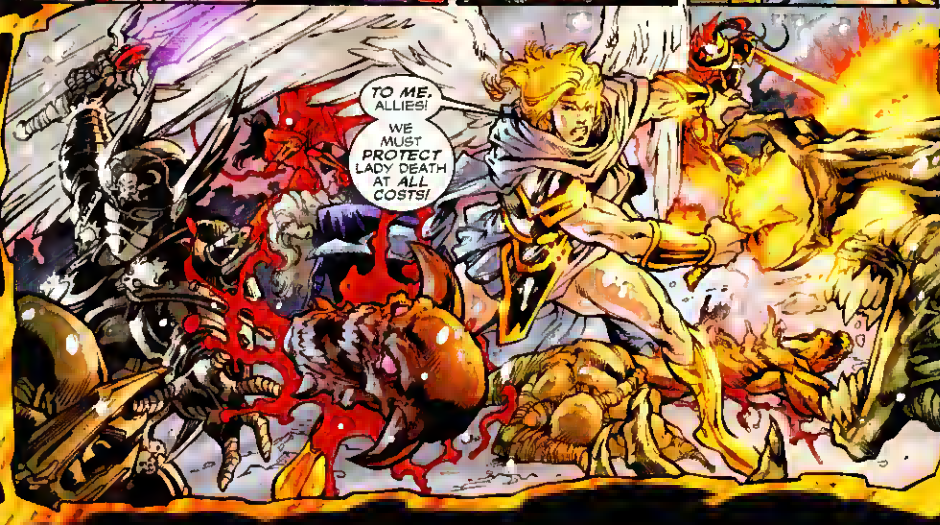
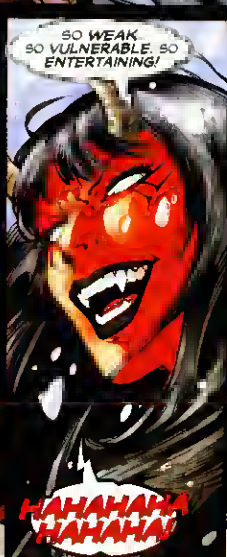
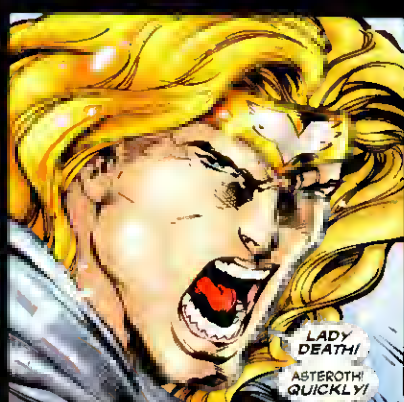
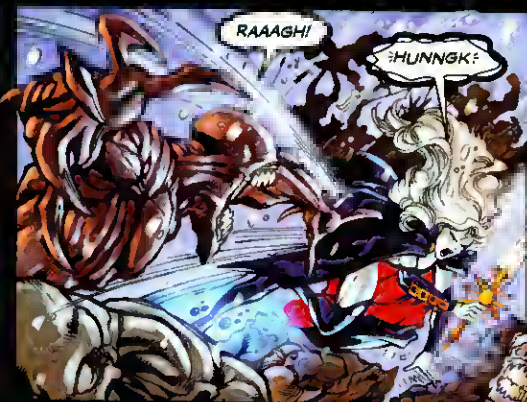
UNHOLY
FIENDS!

My
sentiments
exactly

UH-HUUH!
UH-HUUH!
UH-HUUH!

I WILL NOT
YIELD TO
WEAKNESS OF
THIS FLESH.

I
WILL
NOT!



THE OTHER
SIDE OF THE
WORLD...

THE
GEOMANTIC
ENERGIES ARE
STRONG IN THIS
PLACE. HERE, WE
WILL MAKE OUR
STAND.



IT...
IS... DONE.



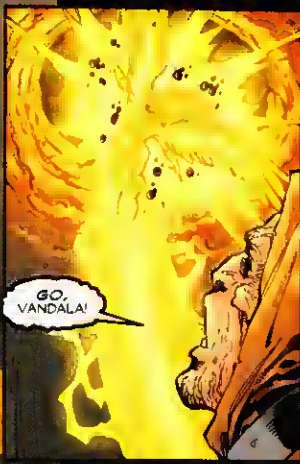
STOKE
THE HEAT OF
YOUR LIVING
FLAME, CREMATOR.
LET IT BUILD TO
ITS ULTIMATE
CRESCENDO.

I WILL
FOCUS IT
WHEN YOU ARE
READY.

NOW,
SEANCE - I
CAN CONTAIN IT
NO LONGER!



WE HAVE
PIERCED
ABADDON'S
CLOAK.



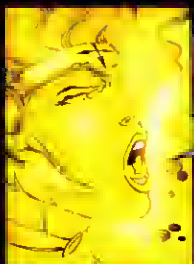
GO,
VANDALAI!

:NNNNGGGHH:

NEVER
RETREAT. NEVER
SURRENDER.



ONWARD!



I CALL
UPON THE FULL
MIGHT OF THE
ODIN-POWER
ENTRUSTED
TO ME!

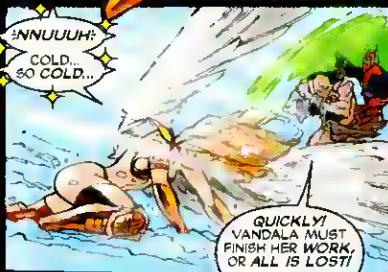
LET THE NEW
SHINING REALM
ARISE!

SKRAKATHOOM



AHHHAAA!

A GLOBAL
SUPERSTORM —
FIRST CONSEQUENCE
OF THE ETERNAL
NIGHT!



NNUUUUH!
COLD,
SO COLD...

QUICKLY!
VANDALA MUST
FINISH HER WORK,
OR ALL IS LOST!

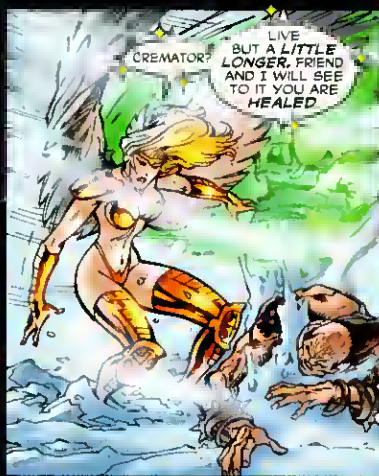


HIYA,
TOOTS.
WHADDAYA
THINK OF THE
NEW LOOK?

I'LL LIKE
IT BETTER WHEN
IT HAS BEEN
PLAYED FROM
YOUR BODY!



VANDALA,
TAKE THE LAST
EMBERS OF MY
FIRE. LET THEM WARM
YOU SO YOU MAY
DO WHAT MUST
BE DONE...



CREMATOR?

LIVE
BUT A LITTLE
LONGER, FRIEND
AND I WILL SEE
TO IT YOU ARE
HEALED



THANKS
TO YOU, I
AM READY TO
FINISH WHAT
HAS BEEN
BEGIN.

THEN DO
IT QUICKLY,
VANDALA! I CANNOT
HOLD THIS STORM AT
BAY MUCH LONGER!



GOLDEN STAR, SEED
OF THE SHINING
REALM, I DUB
THEE AURORA.

YOU WILL
GIVE RISE TO A
LAND OF HONOR,
COURAGE, AND
HOPE FOR ALL
HUMANITY.

BUT UNLIKE
ASGARD, YOU WILL
NOT DO IT AT A
DISTANCE --



THIS
TIME, THE
SHINING REALM
WILL BE BORN
ON EARTH!



THUS
I ORDER
YOU --
- DESCEND!



GH-HAAG!

PALE BITCH!
DID YOU TRULY
BELIEVE I WOULD
BETRAY ANY PEOPLE
FOR YOUR FUTILE
"ALLIANCE"?

YOUR
PRECIOUS
VANDALA WAS EASY
ENOUGH TO DELUDE,
BUT YOU SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN
BETTER!

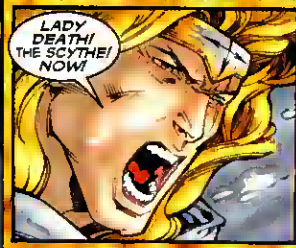
SKRAKATHOOOOM

SKXXRIEE-GGIEK

Purgatori,
you traitorous slut!
I will never know why
Lucifer didn't have you
destroyed millennia
ago!

NO,
ASTEROOTH, YOU
WON'T!

HAHAHAHA
HAHAHA!



LADY
DEATH!
THE SCYTHE!
NOW!

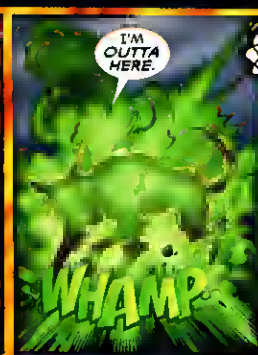
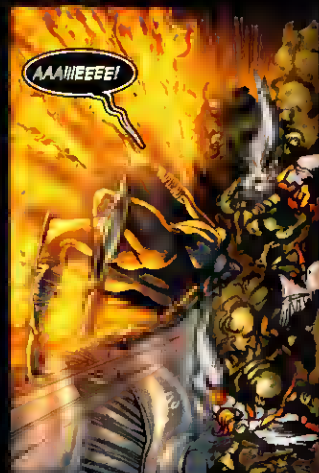


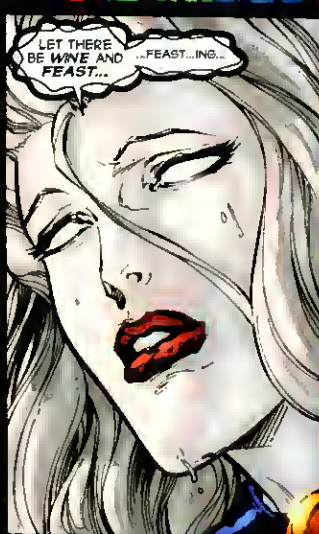
REAPER! FULFILL
YOUR PROMISE
TO ME!



SCHEEAAAAPPOGGH!

NO!
NO!





AND
SO, LIFE ON
EARTH HAS BEEN
SPARED.

YES, BUT
AS FOR LADY
DEATH, I FEAR
HER CONDITION
IS... QUITE
MORTAL.

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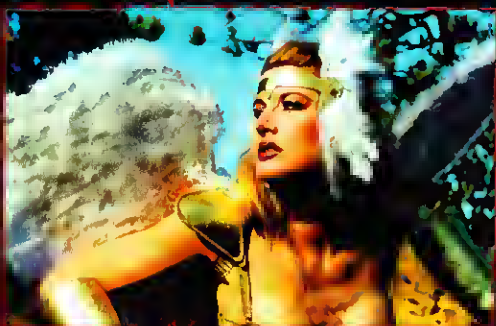
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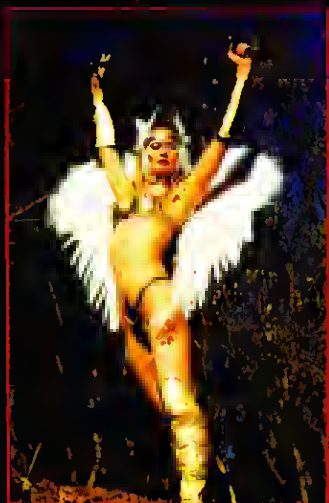
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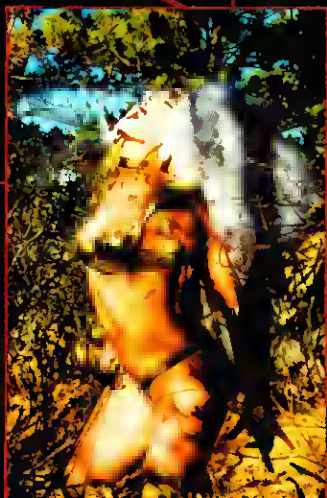


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We've been around for seven years and every once in a while you gotta shake things up and that's exactly what I'm planning in 2001. I am going to turn the status quo on it's ear, giving you stories you never expected. Risky stuff? Yeah sure, but that's why you like this stuff, isn't it?

Coming this April we kick off the most extraordinary event in Lady Death's history in a series called, *Lady Death: Alive!* You heard me right. After the shocking events of *Lady Death: Tribulation #4*, some wild stuff happens to the Diva of Death, leading to her - life! I don't want to give away too much more, but suffice it to say this one will grab you - in more ways than one.

Also in April comes *Chastity: Shattered*. I call this one a back to basics story that I am writing with Len Kaminski. So many of you cite "Theatre of Pain" as the best *Chastity* series. For awhile I've wanted to get back to that vibe too, so that's what I'm doing. My artist is Fabiano, the guy who did *Bad Kitty* with me. Did you see his art on *Chastity #1/2*? It rocked.

In May, prepare for *Purgatori: The Hunted*. This series will surprise long time readers. I'll give you a couple of hints. First, it takes place on earth, modern day. Second it is about *Purgatori* hunting angels and another group - that will remain a mystery - hunting her. More on this soon.

Also in May, we preview our new series, *Legend of the Sage*. This one is about a woman who comes to realize that the myths of old are actually alive and well - all around us. To complicate matters, this sheepish librarian must take arms against an ancient evil and save New York City.

We also have *Witch Hunter* down the line, but I'll get to that one in the future.

New ground. New territory. New Chaos! Prepare to be rocked!

Sworn,

-Brian Pulido

LADY DEATH: ALIVE?

Yes. Alive.

It's no April Fool's joke *Fiends* - this *Lady Death*, who for over 500 years has reigned as the personification of death, the last person you ever want to see, gets her tondest wish and becomes flesh and blood. Alive. In human form. No longer dead. With a pulse. Get it? And you thought *Lady Death* had no challenges left.

How does it all happen? What does it all mean for her future? What happens when you're human and all of your enemies are supernaturally powered forces of evil? You're gonna have to check out *Lady Death's* minis in the coming year, *Fiends*. One thing is for sure, though, nothing will ever be the same again.

CHASTITY'S BACK TO HER ROOTS

Loved *Chastity* from her debut in *Theatre of Pain*, but felt she got a little, well, diluted as she moved in to the *Chaos!* universe proper and interacted more and more with the likes of *Evil Ernie*, *Purgatori*, and ultimately took part in *Armageddon*? Don't worry - the original *Theatre of Pain* *Chaz* will be back in April's *Chastity: Shattered* mini written by Brian, Len Kaminski and illustrated by Adriano Batista of *Bad Kitty* fame!

She's back, kicking ass and taking names, *Chaz*-style beginning in April. Just you wait.

DO YOU SMELL WHAT CHAOS! IS COOKIN'?

Ya know, with the *Undertaker*, *Stone Cold*, *Chyna*, and *Mankind*

comics under our championship belt, you can bet that there's one more *WWF* superstar that we've been dying to give the *Chaos!* treatment to: the world's most electrifying sports entertainment personality, the *ROCK*!

The wait is over - this May, we've got *The Rock #1* coming your way, a comic special that like the *Stone Cold*, *Mankind* and other *Chaos!/WWF* comics before it, will take the familiar wrestler who's the hero to millions, and place him in a rich background consistent with his in-ring character. Written by Steven (Mankind, *Stone Cold*, *X-Man*) Grant, this is one special you're not going to want to miss!

LADY DEATH: RIVER OF FEAR #1

We know we mentioned this one before *Fiends*, but it bears repeating - coming this spring is a very special *Lady Death* one-shot entitled *Lady Death: River of Fear #1*. You know how we've been mentioning all along that the upcoming *Lady Death* animated movie will expand upon *Lady Death's* origin story, fleshing out the period of time between a young girl named *Hope* entering *Heil*, and somehow surviving, then becoming *Lady Death*? This is one of the chapters of that expanded origin! That's right - you won't have to wait for the movie to catch this newly revealed facet of the *Diva of Death's* history - it'll be coming your way in early 2001! The one shot will also feature an appearance by *Cremator*, revealing just how he got that scar that marks him.

The special is written by comic and anime legend *Carl Macek*, one of the writers of the animated *Lady Death* movie who has been working very, very closely with Brian on

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fashioning Lady Death's origin for the movie! If anyone besides Brian knows what happened to Hope in her formative years in Hell, it's Carl!

Keep your eyes open for this gem, coming soon!

JADE GETS HER DUE

Coming in April is the Jade series, illustrated by Ken Lashley of Image Comics' The 10th Muse. Jade was one of the bitchiest and most beautiful vampires around pre-Armageddon, so you can bet this time out, she'll have even more to prove as she claws her way to the top of the heap and establishes herself as one of the world's mightiest - and darkest - forces to be reckoned with. Chris Sniegoski, co-writer of the Jade series with Christopher Golden, had this to say, "Brian had a great vision for this series, a way to incorporate the horror that Chaos is known for with a kind of hyperkinetic Hong Kong sensibility, most recently tapped in the pop culture forum by The Matrix. That combination of things is very attractive. But more than that, Jade is a fascinating character because despite her vampiric and sorcerous power, and despite the arrogant, royal facade she puts on, she has a vulnerability at her core." Witness the New Vision of Chaos!

MORE BAD KITTY?

Issue #3 ships in March, and the only way you'll see more is to let us know! Tell your retailer you loved it and want to see more, and head on over to www.chaoscomics.com to drop us a line about seeing more of Kitty! She'll return to thrill you if you want it bad enough, Fiends, so let's hear it! "We love her, do you?"

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Keep an eye out for those limited hardcover collected editions of Chaos! greatest femme fatales coming from your pals here at Chaos! Central and Dynamic Forces. Coming in 2001: Chastity Theatre of Pain and Purgatori: The Vampire's Myth! Look for a Hollywood tie-in that will blow your mind coming later in 2001 and remember - we have that most improbable of improbable crossovers coming in 2001 as well. Chyna II, the 9th wonder of the world, returns in June 2001!

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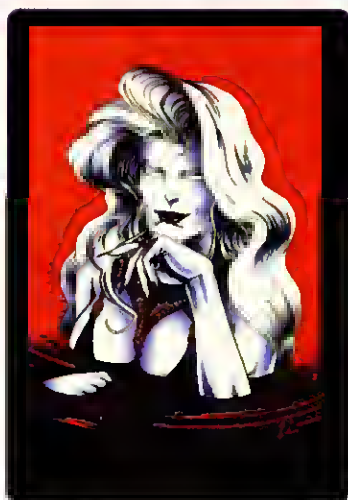
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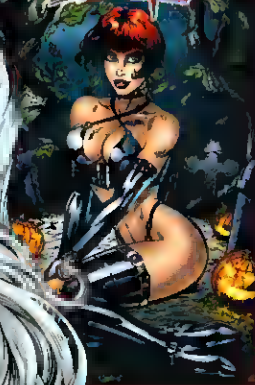
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